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To authorize appropriations for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically black colleges and universities.

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Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. FROST, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LLOYD, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TUCKER, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-
5 leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and
6 Preservation Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Nation's historically black colleges and
2 universities have contributed significantly to the ef-
3 fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-
4 ary education for African-American, low-income, and
5 educationally disadvantaged Americans;

6 (2) over our Nation's history, States and the
7 Federal Government have discriminated in the allo-
8 cation of land and financial resources to support
9 these institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the
10 generous support of private individuals and other
11 charitable organizations;

12 (3) the development of this source of private
13 and charitable financial support for historically black
14 colleges and universities has resulted in structures
15 and buildings of historic importance and
16 architecturally unique design on the campuses of
17 these institutions; and

18 (4) many of these structures and buildings are
19 national treasures worthy of preservation and res-
20 toration for future generations of all Americans as
21 well as for the students and faculty of these institu-
22 tions.

1 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**
2 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**
3 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—Under the au-
5 thority of section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide
6 for the preservation of historic sites, buildings, objects,
7 and antiquities of national significance, and for other pur-
8 poses” (16 U.S.C. 462), the Secretary of the Interior
9 shall, from amounts available under subsection (b) in any
10 fiscal year, make grants to eligible historically black col-
11 leges and universities for the preservation and restoration
12 of historic buildings and structures on the campus of these
13 institutions.

14 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—(1)
15 There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for
16 fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary for
17 each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2000, to
18 carry out this Act.

19 (2) Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to para-
20 graph (1) for fiscal year 1994, \$5,000,000 shall be avail-
21 able only for grants under subsection (a) to Fisk Univer-
22 sity.

23 (c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary may promulgate
24 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
25 Act.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For the purposes of this Act:

3 (1) The term “historically black colleges and
4 universities” means any historically black college
5 and university that was established prior to 1964
6 whose principal mission was, and is, the education of
7 African-Americans and that is accredited by a na-
8 tionally recognized accrediting agency or association
9 determined by the Secretary of the Department of
10 Education to be a reliable authority as to the quality
11 of training offered or is, according to such an agency
12 or association, making reasonable progress toward
13 accreditation.

14 (2) The term “historic building and structures”
15 means a building or structure listed on the National
16 Register of Historic Places or designated a National
17 Historic Landmark.

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